

**EMS INTEGRATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT  
DURING ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS  
CALIFORNIA QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE**



**RESCUE GROUP (RG) PERSONNEL**

PRIMARY MEDIC \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. Level \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDARY MEDIC \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. Level \_\_\_\_\_

**PREPARATORY AND UNIFIED COMMAND PHASE**

1. ARRIVE AND REPORT to Staging Area in Secure Area
2. REPORT TO UNIFIED COMMAND (UC)
  - Notify UC that an EMS Team/Rescue Group is ready, staged, and awaiting direction
3. PERSONAL Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Ballistic Vest, Ballistic Helmet
4. Ensure Clear IDENTIFICATION of Rescue personnel
5. Prepare MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
  - Tourniquets, Trauma Kit, Soft Stretcher/Skedco
6. Perform Brief MEDICAL PLAN AND THREAT ASSESSMENT
  - Identify Hot, Warm, and Cold Zone Areas
7. Establish COMMUNICATION with respective on-scene medical, fire, and law enforcement
  - Determine and Broadcast Response Routes for Additional Responding Resources
  - Obtain Duress Code

**RESCUE TASK FORCE FORMATION AND PRIORITY SETTING PHASE**

1. Form Rescue Task Force (RTF)
  - 2-3 LE Officers (Force Protection Group)
  - 2 EMS Personnel, at least 1 ALS (Rescue Group)
  - Designate team leader
2. Follow Direction of law enforcement Force Protection Group Leader
  - Know Hot, Warm, and Cold Zone Areas
  - Follow Protected Access Routes
3. Brief objective and direction of movement
  - Identify initial Emergency Egress Routes
  - Identify secure Extraction Lane
  - Identify Initial Safe Refuge Area
  - Identify Rally Point
  - Identify "Mayday" operations emergency evacuation

4. Identify Casualty Collection Points, both Dynamic and Static
5. Reinforce Mission Priorities (THREAT)
  - T - Threat suppression
  - H - Hemorrhage control
  - RE - Rapid Extrication to safety
  - A - Assessment by medical providers
  - T - Transport to definitive care

**INDIRECT THREAT/WARM ZONE/YELLOW OPERATIONS PHASE**

1. Maintain Cover and Concealment as directed by Rescue Task Force Leader (LE)
2. Utilize Principles of Tactical Casualty Care (TCC)
  - Triage as required
3. Finalize Direction of movement based upon prevailing conditions
  - Identify Emergency Egress Routes
  - Identify secure Extraction Lane
  - Identify Safe Refuge Area
4. Maintain Situational Awareness for Secondary devices at main and secondary scenes
5. Identify Dynamic Casualty Collection Points, as necessary
6. Move casualties to identified Casualty Collection Points or Cold Zone Treatment Area
  - Preference is movement from Warm Zone to Cold Zone Treatment Area
  - Transfer care to additional medical providers for treatment and transport
7. Prepare to re-enter Warm Zone

**POST INCIDENT PHASE**

1. Ensure Rescue Task Force accountability
2. Collect any incident management records and unit logs
3. Determine and announce an incident debriefing strategy
4. Assess mental and physical health of the responders
  - Determine and announce a stress debrief plan
5. Manage a formal unit release process